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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: August 7, 2002

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated May 7, 2002, in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the below remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2 and 5-10 are pending. Claims 6-8 and 11-20 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1, 2, 9 and 10 are rejected. No amendments are made herein. Claims 1, 2, 5, 9 and 10 are submitted for further consideration in view of the below remarks. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of all rejections.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1, 2, 9 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Merck Index #4852 and Morikawa et al.